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HOUSE BILL 498

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; EXPRESSLY PERMITTING THE USE OF THE
BIBLE AS A LITERATURE AND HISTORY TEXT IN THE HIGH SCHOOL
CURRICULUM IN NEW MEXICO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ TREATMENT OF THE BIBLE AS A TEXT.--The
department shall promulgate a rule by November 30, 2007
expressly permitting the bible to be used as a text in a high
school literature or history course so long as the course is
taught objectively, with no attempt to indoctrinate, persuade
or teach a student the merits of one religion over another,
give a religious interpretation of the text or disparage or
encourage a commitment to a set of religious beliefs."

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